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Maternal and Infant Care
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has joined in the network for improving quality care for maternal newborn and child health recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will improve the healthcare facilities in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this will build a community of health practitioners from facility level and develop evidence based strategies to improve quality of care; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): To improve QoC (Quality of care) around birth, WHO and other partners launched the QoC Improvement Network in February 2017 in Malawi.
This network of partners and 9 "first wave" countries (Bangladesh, India and seven countries from the Africa) made a commitment for improving QoC around birth. The participants from India, including Govt. of India nominees and partners − WHO(World Health organisation), BMGF (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), USAID (United States Agency for International Development), UNICEF (United Nations International Children"s Emergency Fund), academia and professional associations and agencies, also deliberated on a roadmap to improve QoC for Maternal and Newborn health in India.
(c) & (d): The network advocates for improving the quality of care through:
â€¢ Alignment of National Quality Assurance System with the WHO QoC guidelines to improve maternal and newborn health
â€¢ Piloting the District implementation model in selected states/districts
â€¢ Enabling Quality Assurance teams at the health care facilities to monitor and implement QoC measures using the PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) cycle.
(e) & (f): This aims to bring in a culture of quality at the facilities to promote positive and sustainable health outcomes. Learnings from these pilots are to be documented for probable scale-up under the National Quality Assurance programme.
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